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[Price \$24 per Month.]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 10. PEI-YEW, Chinese str., 920
Cread; Shanghai 7th December, Ge
noral C. M. S. N. Co.

December 10. SHINA, British steamer, 1,029,
Arrived; Yokohama 4th December,
Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

December 11. MENELAUS, British steamer,
1,539, J. Nicoll, Shanghai 4th December,
and Puchow 9th, General.—BUTTERFIELD
& SWINE.

December 11. SAPHIR, German str., 783,
T. Pollock, Penang 24th November,
Cools, Stevens & Co.

December 11. METEOR, German bark, 594,
Hortmann, Chefoo 1st December, Gene
ral—MELCHERS & CO.

December 11. RAINBOWS, British str.,
1,261, D. DAVID, London 26th October,
General—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

December 12. AMERICA, British steamer, 818,
Williams, Canton 11th Dec., Ballast—
BUTTERFIELD & CO.

December 12. DIAMANTE, British str., 514,
R. G. Cullen, Manila 9th Dec., General—
RUSSIN & CO.

December 12. PADANIA, British str., 892,
Parker, Haiphong 6th Dec., and Hoihow
9th, Eice.—SEN HAN.

December 12. PASIE, Spanish steamer, 284,
D. José Zavala, Manila 7th December,
General—KEDROS & CO.

December 12. CHALMONT, British steamer,
787, Erskine, Haiphong 9th December,
General—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

December 12. YOTTSINA, British steamer 286,
Scott, Swanston 11th December, General—
Kwo Achenro & Sons.

December 12. ANCONA, British str., 1,272, E.
G. Stoen, Shanghai 10th Dec., Mails and
General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

December 12. MARY, British steamer, 1,387,
J. Johnson, Melbourne 7th November,
Sydney 9th, Newcastle 12th, Brisbane
14th, Cooktown 21st, and Port Darwin
28th, Cools and General—GEORGE R.
STEVENS & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.

DECEMBER 11TH.

Hecht, German schooner, for Bangkok.

Importer, American ship, for Manila.

Hwang-chu, Chinese steamer, for Hoihow.

J. R. Stanhope, Amer. bark, for New York.

Cleveland, British steamer, for Haiphong.

Menzelus, British steamer, for Singapore and
London.

Jorge Juarez, Spanish steamer, for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

December 11. NIIGATA MARU, Japanese str.,
for Kobe.

December 11. ELESTA, German str., for
Amy.

December 11. WALTERS, German bark, for
Colo.

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for Manila.

December 12. IMPERATOR, American ship, for
Manila.

December 12. KANG-OHL, Chinese str., for
Hoihow.

December 12. HECHT, German schooner, for
Bangkok.

December 12. FU-YEW, Chinese steamer, for
Canton.

December 12. CLEVELAND, British steamer,
for Haiphong.

December 12. AMERICA, British steamer, for
Shanghai.

PASSENGERIES.

ARRIVED.

Per Sunda, str. from Yokohama.—Mrs.
Brinkhoff, and 15 Chinese.

Per Monchou, str. from Shanghai and Foo
chow.—Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Randle, and 24 Chi
nese.

Per Diamond, str. from Manila.—Misses
C. Madeline, Dardenne, and servant, Misses
C. Zimmerman, and C. Kooning, 1 European, deck,
and 180 Chinese.

Per Richard, str. from London, &c.—Mrs.
Matthews and 2 daughters, Rose, Diane and
North, Captain S. M. Morris, Longster and
Thompson, and 20 Chinese.

Per Africa, str. from Shanghai.—For Hong
kong.—Misses G. A. K. Honey, J. Foyler, G.
Stevens, and M. McGregor and servant, and 27 Chi
nese.

Per Bristol.—Lion, C. Freeman, R. N.
For Southampton.—The Hon. D. S. Denison,
R. N. Misses C. J. Cook and S. Lawer.

Per Charlton, str. from Haiphong.—10 Chi
nese.

Per Month, str. from Shanghai.—Rev. Mr. D.
Brown and 20 Chinese.

ESTATEES.

The British steamship Ancona reports left
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NOTICE:
THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY
FOR CHINA, JAPAN, &c., &c.,
FOR 1887.
(With which has been incorporated THE
CHINA DIRECTORY.)

This Work is now being prepared for publication. Additions and improvements are being made to render it more valuable as a Commercial Guide.

Those Firms who have not yet returned the Printed Forms which have been sent to them to fill up would oblige by doing so as EARLY as Possible.

The Publishers would be glad if New Comers, or those to whom Printed Forms have not been forwarded, would send in their Names and Addresses.

Terms for ADVERTISEMENTS may be Isured on application at the Office.
Daily Press Office, November 20th, 1886.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and Royal Highness the Duke of EDINBURGH,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
PERFUMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLYMEN,
AND
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFRIGERATED,
PASSENGER SKIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders, it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. WATSON and Co., or
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 13TH, 1886.

A good sample of the misrepresentations of facts relative to this Colony that find currency in some of the home papers is to be found in the extract given in another column from the *Dublin Freeman's Journal*. That print, with a profound sympathy for every person of Hibernian origin, is evidently prepared to laud and magnify any Irishman in a public capacity. There can be no earthly objection to the glorification by an Irish journalist of a fellow countryman who has achieved notoriety if not distinction, so long as the adulatory writer keeps within the bounds of truth. When, however, the praise of Governor HENNESSY is made the occasion for the publication of a gross libel on the community over which he has the greatest honour to preside, it is only right that some notice should be taken of the slander. The *Freeman's Journal* is perfectly welcome to us as much fulsome blandishment upon Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY as it likes, but there is no occasion when indulging in the flattery, to invent false statements about the European residents of this Colony. Who told the Dublin paper that system "had grown up in Hongkong of dealing with Chinese criminals in a spirit of savage cruelty?" This is a falsehood pure and simple. The employment of flogging and branding was found necessary to keep in check the hordes of desperadoes that have, ever since the foundation of the Colony, invaded it from Kwangtung. No cruelty was used; merely necessary severity. We have no patience with the maudlin sentimentality that thinks more of the sufferings of a hardened criminal than of the trouble and loss and misery he unhesitatingly inflicts upon society. It has been found essential in the United Kingdom, for the protection of the public and especially of females, to have recourse to the lash in case of crimes of violence. There can be no question, moreover, that the application of the rod to the boy who has been caught in his first larceny is much preferable to sending him to gaol, there to become hardened by association with bad characters, and come out conscious of the stigma which invariably attaches to even a brief experience of that institution. Many a youthful scamp, who might otherwise have been saved from a life of crime, has been transformed into a confirmed criminal by his first term of imprisonment, awarded, perhaps, for an offence that would have been more suitably punished by a sound whipping. In Hongkong, it is notorious that most of the Chinese criminals do not care for a term of imprisonment, and only understand and appreciate the argument of the stick. It is superfluous, however, now to wander over this well beaten track. The truth of our position will yet, we doubt not, receive fresh and convincing demonstration. Suffice it to say that Governor HENNESSY has put an end to no cruelties, because none were practised; the punishments were always inflicted with due care and consideration for the health of the criminal; and in those cases in which it was reported the rod had injured the sufferer it also transpired that exposure and want of nourishment after all had most to do with the criminal's illness. As for the allegations of "spite" towards, and outbursts of "fury" against the Governor, with which the *Dublin* paper charges the Caucasian residents of Hongkong, they may safely be treated with the contempt they merit. The impatience of His Excellency does not arise solely out of his pro-Chinese policy and humanitarian ideas, which never provoked any exhibition of spite or outbreak of fury. The community have indeed, and rightly in their own interests, and the permanent interests of the Colony, strongly protested against perseverence in a course which they deemed impolitic and undesirable; but it is monstrous to talk about spite and fury. Abuse is not argument, and to pelt this Colony with mud is hardly the way to exalt Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY in the estimation of those whose opinion is worth having.

We are informed by the Agent that the O. & O. steamer *Oceanic*, with the American mail of the 18th ult., left Yokohama for this port on Saturday.

The *Fremont*, we hear, intend to give a banquet on the 22nd instant to the District Grand Master, R. W. Bro. T. G. Linstead, to welcome him on his return from England.

The *Governor's Gazette*, the current number of which came to hand yesterday, does not contain the report which is so anxiously looked for, and which has now been standing so long, in which type.

We note the arrival on Friday evening last, per F. & O. steamer *Suzuki*, of a further reinforcement of no less than sixty seafarers to swell the numbers of these vessels so fast becoming popular with a portion of the shipping.

The British steamer *Charlton*, Captain, Eric, which arrived here yesterday from Hainan, having taken two Chinese out of the wreck of a boat in the middle of the Hainan Straits. The *Charlton* brought the rescued men to Hongkong.

The *British Gazette* learns that the O. & O. steamer *Oceanic* will have among her passengers three heroes in the acts of peace who are always warmly welcomed in every land. Mr. Cyrus W. Field, the father of submarine telegraphy, with his family, will pass through Japan en route for India.

By the Gazette of 29th October last, we see Major John Ashton, P.M.C., Commanding Royal Engineers in this command, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, vice Colonel T. P. Cox, deceased, 21st September, 1880. The Major Charles John O'Neill Ferguson, from the Temporary Reserve List, to be Major, vice P.M.C., 2nd October, 1880.

We are informed by the Agent that the Messager Maritime Company, who has received information that the steamer lately lost in the Mediterranean after collision, when 250 persons were drowned, was sunk near Smyrna. The name of the steamer still remains unknown. She belongs to the Valory Company, which runs a line of steamers on the Mediterranean.

In their commercial circular, dated the 27th ult., Messrs. Belote & Co. thus report on the Saigon freight market.—During the period under review very little change is seen in freight owing to the weak demand for our staple, and quite recently only a moderate importation came up for Singapore and Java, inquiry being made for steamers. The steamer in the former direction at 18/19 each per ton, and 19/20 cents per steamer, while for steamers 18/19/20 cents per steamer. A middle-sized steamer is wanted at 32/33 cents per picul.

We would draw attention to the announcement that the Messager Maritime Company, and the Italian Opera Company, and the German Milau-Vela take their benefit in the steamer of the Theatre Royal, when Verdi's "Traviata" will be repeated. The *Belote* will on this occasion give a "grand fantaisie originale pour violon," Alard, assisted by M. Panizza, and the above-named artists have agreed for themselves a high reputation in this Colony, and the estimation in which they are held will, we believe, be testified by a bumper house.

On Saturday the fifth annual bazaar on Lord Kimberley's desire respecting flouting and branding in this colony has called forth the following delicious comment from the *Dublin Freeman's Journal* of the 22nd October.—Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY is no "cavaliere." Whatever goes to make his strong hand fail, and although more than once he has been severely accompanied by Captain Francis, H. K. A. Valentines, A.D.C., and the Right Rev. Bishop Rainford arrived shortly after two o'clock, and immediately proceeded to inspect the children, who were drawn up in order for the purpose in one of the rooms. One of the girls then read a address in French, copies of which had been previously presented to the Government, and this elicited the most unanimous expression of their approval. The four rooms in which the display was made are ill adapted for such a purpose, being small and confined, and not at all suited for showing off a range such a many-coloured variety of fancy work as was laid out on the occasion. Still, such was the enthusiasm of the establishment that the Chinese Government, though it could not be compared with the *Belote*, did not let the day pass without a profit. His Excellency highly repaid, and that procedure was adopted. The four rooms in which the display was made are ill adapted for such a purpose, being small and confined, and not at all suited for showing off a range such a many-coloured variety of fancy work as was laid out on the occasion. Still, such was the enthusiasm of the establishment that the Chinese Government, though it could not be compared with the *Belote*, did not let the day pass without a profit. His Excellency highly repaid, and that procedure was adopted. 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